

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

LOUISIANA'S TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS

I-12

PETE'S HWY. TO JUBAN ROAD INTERCHANGE (EB)

AMITE RIVER TO JUBAN ROAD INTERCHANGE (WB)



The \$ 31 million project will continue the widening of I-12 in Livingston Parish to the Juban Road Interchange. The Base project is shown in Red only and the Base + Additive Alternate is shown in Red and Yellow combined.

Why do we need this?

I-12 is a major east-west route in South Louisiana, as well as, the southern United States. It's importance to the economic well-being of Louisiana is immeasurable. In addition, this section of I-12 is the major commuter route between the Mississippi State line and East Baton Rouge Parish. This section of I-12 carries approximately 123,500 vehicles per day, and is one of the most congested locations in the State. This improvement will reduce congestion and travel delays in the corridor, improve vehicular throughput, improve the efficiency of commercial vehicle operations, and reduce accidents.

Notable Project Facts

- The project consists of the widening of the mainline of I-12 from four to six lanes from Pete's Hwy. to the Juban Road Interchange in the Eastbound direction, and from the Amite River to the Juban Road Interchange in the Westbound direction. Widening will occur to the median side of the existing pavement.
- DOTD will process this project utilizing an accelerated "Design-Build" methodology which will combine the design and construction of the project into a single, seamless process. Using this process, as opposed to the traditional "Design-Bid-Build" method, will shorten the project completion timeframe.
- Without ARRA, this project cannot be funded in the near future with regular Federal or State Highway allocations.

A solid investment...

To date, approximately \$140 million has been spent on construction projects to widen I-12 and/or improve interchanges in the area. The effort to maintain a smooth flow of traffic on I-12 in the Baton Rouge area has been ongoing for many years. This investment will continue that effort, and improve the benefits and efficiency of the improvements already made.

Project Selection for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

La DOTD, in accordance with the parameters set forth by President Barack Obama's economic stimulus, has identified projects which are "shovel ready" and can be let to construction in a very short timeframe. 50% of the ARRA funding must be obligated within 120 days of apportionment of the funds. Failure to obligate this funding within the prescribed time will result in reallocation of the balance of funds to other States.

